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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT

Patent No.

Country

Publication Date

5-38170

Japan

February 12, 1993

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Japan

March 29, 1995

REMARKS

The JP '170 reference is cited at page 1 of the subject application, and the JP '981 reference is cited at page 4 of the subject application; each of these references is believed pertinent for the reasons set therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts for the Japanese references obtained from a commercial database also are enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/119,726 08/340,469	July 21, 1998	2834
	November 14, 1994	2834

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to

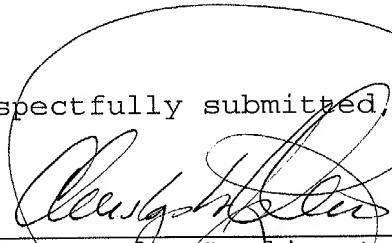
charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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